GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST PLACES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any task force was constituted in 1998 for the development of Buddhist places;

(b) if so, the number and names of places identified for development, State-wise; and

(c) the name of places developed so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) & (b): No Task Force was constituted in 1998 for the development of Buddhist places. However, the Department of Tourism had constituted two Task Forces in 1986 & 1987 which identified 62 centres for development.

Uttar Pradesh : Sarnath, Kushinagar, Piparhawa, Sravasti and Sankasia.
Bihar : Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir and Vaishali.
Andhra Pradesh : Nagarjunakonda, Amaravati, Chandavaram, Guntupalli, Sankaram, Salihundam, Jaggayyapeta, Bhattiprolu, Ramatirtham, Ghantasala, Phanigiri, Nelakondapalli, Bavikonda, Mangamaripeta.
Arunachal Pra. : Tawang
Himachal Pra. : Rawalsar, Tabo, Tashijong, Kye, Kardang, Guru Ghantal, Mcleodganj, Bir, Triloknath, Chango.
Jammu & Kashmir : Hemis, Lamayuru, Mullbek, Alchi, Sani, Rangdum, Phugtal, Karsha
Madhya Pradesh : Sanchi
Maharashtra : Kanheri, Bedsa, Karla, Bhaja, Ellora, Ajanta, Aurangabad, Pitalkhora.
Orissa : Udaigir, Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri, Dhauli
Punjab : Sanghol.
Rajasthan : Kolvi, Binnayaga
Sikkim : Pemayangtse, Rumtek, Phodong
Tamil Nadu : Kaveripattinam.

(c): The Government of India has developed the Buddhist Circuit of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar & Ajanta and Ellora with the assistance of Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund(OECF) loan from Japan. In addition, the Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Government/Union Territory Governments has also provided Central Financial Assistance for projects for development of tourism infrastructure at the following Buddhist places in the country:-

Uttar Pradesh : Piprahawa, Sarnath, Sravasti, Kushinagar
Bihar : Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir & Vaishali
Madhya Pradesh : Sanchi
Sikkim : Lachung, Phodong, Pamayantse and Tashiding
Andhra Pradesh : Nagarjunasagar
Arunachal Pra. : Tawang Monastery, Tawang
Orissa : Dhauli, Lalitgiri, Udaigiri & Ratnagiri
Maharashtra : Ajanta & Ellora & Karla
Jammu & Kashmir : Hemis & Pethub Monasteries and Choglamser in Leh
Himachal Pradesh: Tabo/Kaza, Rawalsar and Mcleodganj.